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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of August 8, 2005 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of Dec. 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper. The claims were amended after the OA and interview comments were received.

**Interview comments** are provided on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

Finally this paper replaces totally the amendment and appendix submitted on 12/5/2005 but the two Declarations filed on that date remain part of the submission.